

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006.

A nonstatutory double patenting rejection was made with respect to U.S. Patent No. 7,120,876 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/745,023. On November 21, 2006, Applicant filed terminal disclaimers with respect to U.S. Patent No. 7,120,876 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/745,023 to obviate the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

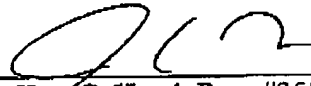
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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-45900/JCH.

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